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**Subject:** RE: USS LEAD Multi-Agency Coordination Team Meeting

Hello, everyone. Here is the positive article I mentioned on the call today about Purdue Extension's nutrition education efforts and the NNACP's produce distribution going on in East Chicago.

Kathy Fiorito, USDA Food and Nutrition Service Public Affairs, 312-353-1866

## Northwest Indiana Times

# Organizations tout nutrition, give away produce to prevent lead absorption in E.C.

- Giles Bruce and Sarah Reese Times Staff Writers
- Oct 14, 2016



- Jonathan Miano, The Times
- East Chicago resident Ivory Peterson gets free produce Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in East Chicago.

EAST CHICAGO — Certain foods can limit the absorption of lead into the body, experts say.

Local health organizations are dispersing this information to residents of the lead-contaminated West Calumet housing complex, while other groups distribute free, fresh produce.

“If you have healthy, nutritious food in your stomach, it can help prevent lead absorption,” said Mike Downey, a wellness coordinator for Purdue Extension Lake County. “Iron and calcium mimic lead in that they fight for the same absorption.”

The local branch of Purdue Extension got the information from a sister organization in Flint, Michigan, which has been dealing with a lead-tainted water crisis. Purdue Extension recommends that West Calumet residents consume foods rich in iron, calcium and vitamin C and eat four to six small meals a day, as the body absorbs lead quicker when the stomach is empty.

Iron blocks lead from being absorbed, calcium helps the body ingest less lead and vitamin helps the body absorb calcium and iron.

In addition, to increase West Calumet residents’ access to fresh food, the Indiana NAACP has started produce giveaways at two local churches.

Residents can pick up fresh citrus and from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church, 4911 McCook Ave., and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 4756 Melville Ave.

The fruits and vegetables are being donated by Strack & Van Til and Whole Foods Market, said Denise Abdul-Rahman, chairwoman of the Indiana NAACP’s environmental climate justice committee.

She said she recently toured the West Calumet Housing Complex and nearby West Calumet neighborhood and noticed many abandoned and boarded-up homes.

“You have a community that is impoverished, for the most part,” she said.

The nearest grocery store is about a mile away. For families without a vehicle, that’s a long way to travel for healthy food, she said.

“It will be a benefit for the community, and mostly likely the children of Calumet, for whom access to real food has not been a real occurrence thus far,” she said.

The Indiana NAACP hopes to continue the giveaways as long as they are needed, she said.

The organization also has started a GoFundMe account to help fill in gaps in assistance for West Calumet Complex residents being relocated. Donate to the fund at [gofundme.com/2hhtxydg](https://gofundme.com/2hhtxydg).

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**Subject:** USS LEAD Multi-Agency Coordination Team Meeting

**When:** Friday, October 28, 2016 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Carrie Gosch Elementary School, 455 E 148th St, East Chicago, IN 46312 (Call in number: 877-226-9607 Code:733-488-9360#)

USS Lead Multi-Agency Coordination Team Meeting  
Carrie Gosch Elementary School  
455 E 148th St, East Chicago, IN 46312

Teleconference Information  
Dial-in number: (877) 226-9607  
Conference Code: 733-488-9360

Agenda for 10/28/2016 Call

1. Weekly Event Report-Out
2. EPA
3. ISDH
4. ECHD
5. ATSDR
6. HUD
7. ECHA
8. City of East Chicago
9. USDA
10. IDEM
11. Additional MACT Members
12. Metrics Discussion
13. Resource Discussion
14. Agenda Discussion
15. Last Week's Meeting Notes Discussion
16. Participants:
- 17.

Opening Message:

8. The purpose of the call is to ensure all Multi-Agency Coordination Team members are aware of the individual agency efforts, track progress of activities through reporting metrics, and determine resource availability.

Takeaway messages:

9. Messaging to residents should get down to one-on-one when possible to interpret individuals lead results. Similarly, messaging to local facilities and individuals who provide health care should continue to inform and educate. The health agencies are reaching out to various relevant organizations - and in some cases those organizations are reaching out to the health agencies – to support their outreach efforts.
10. Data sharing could use resources, availability, and stewardship. The various groups have data that could prove beneficial to everyone in their efforts to provide services to the residents. Infrastructure, authorities, and privacy issues are hurdles to this information sharing.

Action Items:

11. EPA update Zone 1, 2 and 3 , Sampling Data

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